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Britain Is Beginning to Fear That the Battle at the River Was Almost a Reverse, Censorship Strict.

Crisis of the Natal Campaign Is Approaching—A Great Battle Soon Will Be Fought Near Colenso.

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London, Dec. 1.—There is no news from the seat of war. The censorship is most rigorous. London does not know even the result of the Modder River fight, and cannot tell whether it was a victory or a defeat.

In financial circles pessimistic views are prevailing, the continued silence and suppression of news being taken as indications that the British suffered a heavy reverse.

Meantime the newspapers are turning attention from the western border to the forthcoming battle in Natal, where General Buller is. It is believed that a big battle will be fought soon near Colenso.

The movements of the British army are exasperatingly slow in Natal. General Buller undoubtedly is meeting many difficulties in getting his troops in condition. So far as is known in London Ladysmith, Kimberley and Mafeking are still holding out.

FRANZ JOSEF SAYS AUSTRIA IS NEUTRAL.

Vienna, Dec. 1.—Replying to the addresses of the presidents of the Hungarian and Austrian delegations to-day, Emperor Franz Josef, alluding to the Transvaal, said:

"We have resolved to observe the strictest neutrality and can only wish the conflict was approaching an early conclusion."

RUMORS IN LONDON OF KIMBERLEY'S RELIEF.

London, Dec. 1.—Rumors of the relief of Kimberley were current on the Stock Exchange this morning, but they are believed premature. There seems no doubt, however, that the pressure on the garrison has been much lightened by General Methuen's advance.

A clue to the urgent reasons which dictated General Methuen's hurried march may be found in Governor Milner's letter to the committee of the Cape Town to prepare for the reception of 10,000 refugees, indicating that the garrison must have had reason to fear a reduction of Kimberley by starvation and disease.

The most recent news from Kimberley comes by way of a dispatch from the Cape. It states that the garrison is acting in concert with General Methuen, for at the time the battle was raging at Orange River, both Colonel Kekewich and Colonel Baden-Powell made sorties and assailed the beleaguers.

The result of the Mafeking sorties is not known, but according to a dispatch from Pretoria, Colonel Kekewich inflicted considerable loss on the Boers, who shells killing and wounding seventeen in a group. It is suggested in some quarters that the Boer forces have been withdrawn from the Cape Colony and may be hurrying to attack General Methuen's rear. But reinforcements have been pushed rapidly forward from Orange River and De Aar, and several ambulances were sent to circumvent such designs.

From Lord Wolseley's announcement that it had been decided to call out the division, it appears clear that the War Office does not look for a speedy collapse of Boer resistance.

A special dispatch from Pretoria, dated Sunday, November 26, says there was another sortie from Mafeking Saturday, November 25. The Boers were repulsed, and the Chartered Police attacked Kioff's Fort with great determination. The fight was progressing when the Boers, it was said, sent a message to the British, offering to surrender. The Boers, it was added, would resist the advance of the British in the direction of Kimberley.

BOERS DRIVEN BACK AT COLENZO BRIDGE.

London, Dec. 1.—A dispatch received to-day from Frere, dated Tuesday, November 28, says that while attempting to blow up a 500-foot bridge over the river at Colenso the Boers were driven back by British artillery and mounted infantry.

The brief telegrams coming from Natal and the central theatre of the war convey little information about the situation. Nature's forces seem to be helping the Boers. Dutch who responded to the Boer summons for military service have now returned to their homes; so, perhaps, the serious civil troubles hampering General Gatacre may be lessened and the military operations under his direction will commence.

So far as known the Ladysmith relief force is still at Frere, though the bridge was perhaps sufficiently repaired to permit of its passage November 30, in which case the opposing forces may already have come in contact near Colenso, where, apparently, the Boers are strongly entrenched on the north side of the river.

DOCTORS MIXED THEIR COATS.

Promising Farce Comedy Incident Among Physicians of Bellevue.

Several prominent surgeons of the visiting staff of Bellevue held a meeting yesterday. Just before the close Professor F. W. Jackson hurried out, seizing an overcoat and hat as he went.

Professor C. B. Bangs was the next to leave. He went to a rack where hung a half dozen coats and pulled himself. Professor Alexander couldn't find his coat when he started. While he was fuming Dr. Jackson came back. He had got the wrong coat, but the one he brought back was not Dr. Alexander's. Finally Dr. Bangs returned. He had Dr. Alexander's coat, and Dr. Jackson had taken his.

Teacher Blamed for Child's Death.

Acting Coroner Stannard, of Haverhill, N. H., began an investigation yesterday into the death of Annie May Stannard, seven years of age, who fell down stairs at the Oyster Bay School some months ago. The mother accuses the child's instructor of having told her not to inform her parents of the accident, thereby preventing proper medical treatment of the injury.

WANTS BIGAMOUS HUSBAND BACK.



Mrs. Blackford Begs His Forgiveness for Causing Arrest.

REPROACHES THE BRIDE.

Tells Her That She Ought to Have Found Out More About Blackford.

A COMEDY OF FIGAMY.

DRAMATIS PERSONAE.

JOHN L. BLACKFORD, railroad detective and New Jersey Lovelace.

HIS LAWFUL WIFE, ten years wedded, trustful and devoted.

HIS OTHER WIFE, born Alice Morgan, who never thought to find out about him.

HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW, hotel keeper, and generous detective, etc.

BETWEEN LOVE AND ANGER.

2 A. M.—Mrs. John Lewis Blackford enters a complaint of bigamy against her husband at Police Headquarters.

3 A. M.—Meets second wife and reproaches her for not having taken pains to learn more of the man's past before marrying him.

10 A. M.—Screams and weeps in court, refuses to testify, but furnishes evidence by handing her marriage certificate.

11 A. M.—Tells her friend that all she wishes is an annulment of the second marriage and restoration of her husband to her home.

NOON—Takes food and delicacies to her husband's cell, meekly listens to a scolding for having spoiled his second honeymoon and beg forgiveness.

2 P. M.—Takes home to Plainfield, N. J., resolved to save Blackford from prison.

HOW far a wife's forgiveness will go was illustrated yesterday when two wives of one man faced him in the Centre Street Police Court.

The wife whom John L. Blackford had deserted for a younger woman only wanted him back. Revenge played no part in the steps she had taken to bring him into custody.

Blackford is a detective employed by the Central Railroad of New Jersey.

The first wife, a little woman, quiet of manner, was married to Blackford ten years ago. She was not in the habit of watching her husband's comings and goings in a spirit of jealousy. A railroad detective's vocation keeps him from home at all hours. They lived in Plainfield, N. J., and had a pretty little home.

There was no one to tell her that for months past he had been going over to Westfield and was courting a girl there.

Westfield is only five miles from Plainfield. There lived Alice Morgan.

Blackford said to his wife in Plainfield that he had decided to call out the division, and she gave him the \$22 which she had saved for this purpose.

The next night she caught him sneaking into the house with a new black frock coat on.

He made a great fuss over blacking his shoes on Thursday morning of last week. Then he asked for 50 cents to get a shave and have his hair cut, and he got the money.

Married in Westfield.

Blackford took the next train over to

Westfield, where Miss Morgan, her friends and the minister met him in church and he was married again, under his own name. Reports of the marriage were published in the local papers. They came to the real Mrs. Blackford's hands. She only remarked: "Fanny! Here's a man of the same name as Jack's, getting married over Westfield way."

Blackford had told her that a business errand would take him from home for more than a week.

Blackford called at Blackford's home in Plainfield on Thanksgiving Day and asked for Blackford. "He's away on business," said the wife.

"Off on his honeymoon," sneered the other, who was Peter D. Collins, Alice Morgan's brother-in-law.

"That's not true, for I'm his wife," and Mrs. Blackford showed her marriage lines. Collins convinced her of Blackford's perfidy. "Your husband and my sister-in-law are now at the Hotel Marlborough in New York," he said. Mrs. Blackford came with him to New York. Collins carried a warrant for bigamy.

Made Complaint Reluctantly. "Will you make a complaint against him?" demanded Sergeant Webb at Police Headquarters, when Mrs. Blackford told her story early yesterday morning.

"I want him arrested, but I don't want him sent to the penitentiary," she said. "Yes, I'll complain."

Blackford was arrested in his bedroom at about half a mile from the White farm house. His clothing was covered with blood and he explained his condition to some negroes who were passing by, saying that he had just killed a chicken which had "flopped all over him." When the posse reached the field Edwards had disappeared.

The police of all the cities and towns in this vicinity are on the lookout for Edwards, and a lynching will be prevented if possible.

HEAD-ON TACKLE KILLS A FOOTBALL PLAYER.

Morris Scherer, Injured in a Thanksgiving Day Game, Dead from the Shock.

Utica, N. Y., Dec. 1.—Morris Scherer, son of Louis Scherer, of Herkimer, aged eighteen, was injured in a football game at Herkimer Thursday between Herkimer High School and New Hartford, and died to-day of shock.

Scherer was full back, and on the first line up made a head on tackle, his shoulder and neck striking a player named Williams. He stopped Williams, but fell unconscious.

Dr. Deek examined him and found the ligaments of the neck and shoulder wrenched and the boy's entire muscular system paralyzed. No bones were broken, however.

AUSITRIAN CABINETS FALL.

Melbourne, Victoria, Dec. 1.—The Premier, Sir George Turner, has resigned. The Governor, Lord Brassey, has summoned A. McLean to form a new Ministry.

Brassey, Dec. 1.—The Labor Ministry here will be short-lived. Premier Dawson announced that he had formed a Ministry and moved to adjourn until Tuesday. The House refused to pass the motion and the Cabinet was defeated at the first sitting.

HE REAPS WHAT HE SOWS. NO TALENTS BURIED.

Pastor's Ingenious Plan to Pay Off a Church Debt.

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Fifty Church Servants Given \$100 Each and Told to Make It More.

For the kingdom of heaven is as a man traveling into a far country, who called his own servants and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, according to his several ability, and straightway took his journey. Then he that had received five talents went and traded with the same and made them

other five talents.

And likewise he had received two; he also took other two.

But he that had received one went and digged in the earth and hid his lord's money.

With this parable as a model, the Rev. G. H. Neal, Jr., pastor of the Pitman Methodist Church, at New Brunswick, N. J., has begun a novel campaign for funds with which to pay off the church debt.

Recently the officials of the church, at Dr. Neal's instance, made a purse of \$50. But this was far too little to wipe out the indebtedness. Then the pastor's idea unfolded itself.

"Let us allow," he said, "the parable of the talents."

"How?" came a chorus from the trustees.

"In this way," the preacher went on to explain, with the Bible open at the 25th chapter of St. Matthew, before him. "We shall give to the members of the church each a dollar of this fifty you have subscribed, as the master in the parable gave the talents to his servants. We shall make those receiving the dollars the stewards of the church money, and they shall be responsible for its increase."

At Liberty to Speculate. "He or she may invest that dollar as seems best, and on the first Sunday in February next each shall render an account of the talent received and the increase it has made."

Upon the Sunday following the pastor took the example of the foolish servant who had hid his talent in the ground and was cast out. To these the pastor quoted the verse:

"Though thou shalt therefore have put my money to the exchangers and then at my coming I should have received my own with usury."

Enthusiasm greeted Dr. Neal's scheme. One woman forthwith put her dollar into dough and, selling home-made bread, has already increased it many fold.

Another woman bought the materials for a crazy quilt, and has been promised for it much more than the original investment.

Others Formed a Syndicate. Several, putting their dollars together, gave an entertainment, which netted handsome results. This was held in the church last night, and the receipts were divided among those who had contributed their dollars for the enterprise. Also men's black and white suits, and a great many other bargains at King's great clothing corner, Bowery and Park place. Open this evening until 9:30.

A Rousing Overcoat Sale To-Day. \$7.85 the Magic Price at King's.

The people buy their clothing at King's. The well-known clothing store, which has been open since 1850, is now selling overcoats at \$7.85, to-day only. These overcoats are all lined with cashmere cloth lined with satin shoulders. Also men's black and white suits and heavy overcoats at \$5.00, \$12.00, \$15.00 and \$22.00, with \$4.00 and a great many other bargains at King's great clothing corner, Bowery and Park place. Open this evening until 9:30.

Gleason Must Answer Questions. Justice William M. Smith, of the Supreme Court, yesterday granted an order requiring Patrick J. Gleason, formerly Mayor of Long Island City, to appear in court this morning and answer in supplementary proceedings as to his ability to settle a judgment obtained against him by Anthony S. Wood, who was captain of police in Long Island City. The judgment is for \$2,250, and was obtained by a suit for slander.

Fourteen-year-old Hannah Sherick was the heroine of a fire at No. 430 Columbus avenue early yesterday morning. She ran through the bulk of the fire in her night gown and aroused the sleeping tenants. She had much difficulty in waking up the Gillespie family on the top floor, and her slight dress caught fire. The loss from the fire was nominal.

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HER DISTRESS WON PARDON IN COURT.



Mrs. Emily Bigelow, Victim of Drink. Arrested for intoxication, she pleaded in Jefferson Market Court that she could not control her love of liquor, which had estranged her from her husband and caused her much wretchedness. She also said she had been robbed of \$3,600 by a cabman. She was released.

Mrs. Bigelow, Robbed of \$3,600 and Found Helpless, Sadly Told of Attempted Reconciliation with Her Husband.

Mrs. Emily M. Bigelow was arraigned in the Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday on the charge of drunkenness. Her pitiful condition and the story that the woman told Magistrate Deuel resulted in her discharge.

Mrs. Bigelow came to this city Wednesday morning. With her was a friend, a Miss Weeks, registered from Buffalo. The two engaged rooms at the Grand Hotel.

In court yesterday Mrs. Bigelow, almost on the verge of collapse, told incoherently that on Wednesday afternoon she had gone to see her husband, Hiram Bigelow, a lawyer at No. 150 Nassau street. There is a lawyer of that name at that address. His offices were closed yesterday, and his name is not in the directory. He could not be found.

Mrs. Bigelow told this story. From girlhood her falling had been drink. This had led to a separation between herself and her husband sixteen months ago. After eight years of married life. Her visit to his office was in hope of a reconciliation. Failing, she sought drink again.

Her condition caused the manager of the Grand Hotel to request her to leave. Her two trunks were taken to the Grand Union Hotel.

Mrs. Bigelow says that she entered a cab afterward and was driven to various drinking places. At one place, she said, the cabman snatched from her hand a roll of bills amounting to \$3,600, and took from her finger a diamond ring. He took her to the West Thirtieth street police station.

In court the woman, in spite of her condition, gave many instances of refinement. Her clothes were of fine quality, she wore two diamond rings of value, and a watch studded with jewels.

Disappointed she told the Magistrate that she owned property in Chicago, Grand Rapids, Mich., and Buffalo. Her parents died when she was a child, she said, and she was taken care of by a guardian. She was educated at St. Mary's Convent, in South Bend, Ind. Her maiden name was Eudine Eames. She married soon after she left the convent.

From the Police Court Mrs. Bigelow went to the Imperial Hotel in Third avenue. She was then on the verge of delirium tremens, and asked to be taken care of.